



# FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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### **HB 222 – Baltimore County and Frederick County - Career Activities in Public High Schools - Sale of Coffee by Students with Individualized Education Programs**

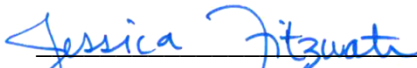
**DATE:** February 8, 2023  
**COMMITTEE:** House Ways and Means Committee  
**POSITION:** Favorable  
**FROM:** The Office of Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

As the County Executive of Frederick County, I urge the committee to give **HB 222 – Baltimore County and Frederick County - Career Activities in Public High Schools - Sale of Coffee by Students with Individualized Education Programs** a favorable report.

This bill amends a current law that allows Baltimore County high school students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to participate in a supervised career exploration and development activity to apply also to Frederick County. The current program, which has been successful in Baltimore County, allows students with IEPs to organize and run a coffee shop open only to fellow students, teachers, and staff a few hours during the school week. By aligning the activity with the students' IEP goals, students are able to build social-emotional skills and interact with a broader range of peer students.

Frederick County has observed the success of this program in Baltimore County and would like to offer this opportunity to students with IEPs in Frederick County Public Schools.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 222 and thank you Delegate Ken Kerr and the Frederick County Delegation for sponsoring this bill. I urge a favorable report.

  
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